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Wanderings in Arabia. By Charles M. Doughty. Arranged with Introduction by Edward Garnett. Two vols. xx and 309 pp., and x and 292 pp., Glossary of Arabic Terms, Map and Portrait. Imported by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, 1908. (Price, \$4.50.)

An abridgment of Doughty's "Travels in Arabia Deserta," published nearly twenty years ago and the classic of English literature relating to Central Arabia. The book is a mine of information concerning many phases of the scientific study of Arabia, but the general public has scarcely come into contact with it.

This republication deserves a hearty welcome, for the larger book is out of print and the shorter one should attract a wide circle of readers to Doughty's unique and fascinating narrative. Mr. Garnett truly says that Doughty's work stands among the great travel books in our literature. Doughty wandered among the Beduins, tenting in the steppes and deserts, studying the life of the oasis towns, seeing everything and describing it in a style which has been referred to as "stately Elizabethan." The reader may not be drawn to his quaint and old-fashioned diction, but it was a part of the man and gave vividness to every picture he drew. Here are a few lines from his description of the returning desert day:

The desert day returning from the east, warns the Beduin awake, who rises to his prayers; or it may be, unwitting of the form, he will but murmur toward heaven the supplication of his fearful human nature and say, "Ah Lord my God!" and, "Oh that this day may be fortunate; give Thou that we see not the evil!" Of daily food they have not half enough, and if any head of the cattle be taken!—how may his household yet live? Bye and bye the herdsman is ready and his beasts are driven far from his sight.

No sweet chattering of birds greets the coming of the desert life, besides man there is no voice in this waste drought. The Beduins, that lay down in their cloaks upon the sandy mother-earth in the open tents, hardly before the middle night, are already up and bestirring themselves. In every coffee-shaykh's tent there is new fire blown in the hearth, and he sets on his coffee pots, then snatching a coal in his fingers he will lay it in his tobacco pipe. (Vol. I, p. 93.)

The stamp of genius and insight is impressed on every page of Doughty's work and his book belongs as well to literature as to geography. This reproduction, less unwieldy than the original, is an event of no small interest.

Les Projections Cartographiques. Par Ch. Duchesne. vii and 202 pp., Bibliography, and Tables. Académie Royale de Belgique, Brussels, 1907.

A technical treatment of map projections showing their mathematical development, the cartographic purposes which each is best adapted to serve and also the mathematical problems suggested by the study of projections.

Die bayerischen Kartenwerke in ihren mathematischen Grundlagen. Von Karl Then. viii and 192 pp., 48 Figures, 5 Maps, and Index. R. Oldenbourg, Munich and Berlin, 1905. (Price, M. 4.80.)

The writer is an official in the Topographic Bureau of the Bavarian Government. His book is in use in the mathematical section of the cartographic service as a practical and theoretical guide. An introductory chapter treats briefly of the significance, scope and problems of cartography. Most of the work is divided into two parts, the first containing a detailed discussion of map projections (121 pp.) and the second a description of the methods and the instruments used in cartographic surveying (58 pp.). Many diagrams and mathematical demonstrations are employed.